

DOES NOW AT BELLEVUE.

Commissioner Keller Orders Big Reform at Hospital.

NEW CHARGES ARE MADE.

Doctors Are Accused of Rail-roading Sane Women to Madhouses.

Commissioner of Charities Keller issued an order this afternoon abolishing the fee system at Bellevue Hospital. The gravest charges yet made against the insane asylum at Bellevue is that sane men are railroaded through the hospital by relatives who are interested in getting them out of the way.

District Attorney Philbin will order a searching investigation of the matter.

Miss Wendel an Example.
Regarding the alleged railroad of sane persons to private institutions through Bellevue Insane Asylum, Dr. Allan McLane Hamilton, the famous alienist, called attention to the case of Miss Georgiana G. R. Wendel who was committed from Bellevue at the instigation of her relatives.

The case of Mrs. Julia M. Hagan, who was sent to a private asylum on complaint of her husband, backed up by Drs. Fitch and Flint, the insanity experts, is also mentioned as an example of how patients are sent away. The order committing the woman was annulled by Judge Cohen on the ground that material facts had been concealed when it was obtained.

In this case, as in that of Miss Wendel, the patient was taken to Bellevue and committed from the insane pavilion by Dr. Fitch and Dr. Flint. Dr. Flint is a consulting physician at Bellevue.

Health Board to Blame.
The Board of Health is responsible for the astounding mortality among the children transferred from Randall's to North Brother Island.

This discovery was made to-day by The Evening World.

Under an absurd rule babies weak and exhausted with high fever and of low vitality are carried on stretchers or in nurses' arms from the warm wards of the hospital five hundred feet in the open air to a tug boat. Then they are transported up the river to North Brother Island. There they are landed and again carried in the open air to the contagious disease hospital, where they are finally deposited.

The consequent exposure, it is declared, is responsible for the death of child after child. By officials attached to the infants' hospital it is pronounced needless, inhuman and heartless.

Don't Save Babies.
The Board of Health has been requested to rescind the rule under which the transfer is made. It has refused. In this it has become responsible for the death of the infants. One of the first results of Commissioner Keller's investigation will probably be the abolishment of the transfer rule.

When transfers are to be made the transfer boat Franklin Edison comes to the Randall's Island pier. This is about 500 feet to the southwest of the hospital. Between it and the hospital lies a stretch of bleak, exposed ground. Over this ground the wind from the Harlem River sweeps continually.

If many children are to be transferred they are put on stretchers, three or four to a stretcher. Then blankets are put over them, and attendants carry them to the pier.

Dr. Dillingham, of the Health Board, took up cudgels against Commissioner Keller this afternoon in defense of his own department.

"Up on Randall's Island," he said, "out of 102 cases of measles among the babies sixty-three died. Of twenty measles cases complicated with other diseases, thirteen died."

"We only transfer to North Brother Island the first cases that break out on Randall's to avoid an epidemic. If possible, if the disease spreads rapidly we isolate the little patients in the Infants' Hospital as best we may."

"Of all the measles cases on North Brother Island there was but a 24 per cent. mortality."

Fifty Per Cent. Died.
Commissioner Keller got the year's record from Randall's Island this afternoon. It showed that of twenty-four infants transferred to North Brother Island, twelve died, eleven were returned cured, and the record of one was lost.

Of the foundations, seven were taken to North Brother Island. Five died there and the other two died shortly after their return to Randall's Island. One foundation was sent to the Willard Parker Hospital. It died there.

"This total of eighteen or nineteen deaths out of thirty-two infants is awful," said Mr. Keller, "and we must stop it."

THE WHOLE TOWN INVITED TO TAKE PART IN BICENTENARY-OF-CENTURY RACE FROM HARLEM TO THE PULITZER BUILDING.

The Evening World Will Give Prizes of \$150 in Gold.

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DAWN-OF-CENTURY RACE—HARLEM TO PULITZER BUILDING.

BY VEHICLE.
Three Prizes for Best Time Made by Any Method of Locomotion.

First Prize.....\$50
Second Prize.....\$15
Third Prize.....\$10

ON FOOT.
Three Prizes for Quickest Time Walking or Running.

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** ENTRY BLANK **

NEW YORK, Dec. 26, 1900.

To the Twentieth Century Race Editor Evening World:

Please enter my name as a contestant in the TWENTIETH CENTURY FOOT (OR VEHICLE) RACE from Harlem to The World's downtown office, Pulitzer Building.

Name.....
Address.....
"Cross out 'Foot' or 'Vehicle' as the case requires."

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BURNZ AT TRIAL 'CUT' BY FATHER

Doesn't Notice Boy, Who Acts Strangely in Court.

When the trial of Edgar Burns for the murder of Station Agent Fellows was resumed at White Plains to-day the prisoner seemed to take sudden interest in the testimony. Witnesses were called by the defense, and all told how Burns acted before and after the murder.

The boy's father was in court, but did not sit near the prisoner. The father and son did not notice each other.

Among the witnesses, Lella Martin, of 22 East Eighth street, testified that young Burns called upon her in July, 1899, nearly six months before he shot Fellows, and asked her if she had a pistol she could lend him, saying he wanted to shoot himself.

Laura B. Thomas, who lives with the Burns family, testified that the young prisoner had a bad fall in May, 1899, and that delirium followed.

Burns' manner was strange and unnatural.

He rolled his black, bead-like eyes around in an uncanny fashion, stared hard at the witnesses, and moved his lips as if talking to himself. Then he would rub his lips and mouth and make grimaces.

The jurors did not watch him or even glance in the direction of his chair. Apparently they believed his actions were meant to impress them. His sister, Mabel, looking rather pretty in a new brown dress, watched him in a puzzled way and seemed to be afraid of him.

Mrs. Catherine Martin, who testified while in the witness chair last week, was in court again. She was as pale as the prisoner, and looked ill.

Mabel A. Burns, the prisoner's sister, was a witness. She was very nervous. She told of her brother having a sunstroke, and how she had been called to the shooting of Fellows.

Miss Burns illustrated how her brother's eyes roved about wildly after he fell from the roof of his father's house. She rolled her eyes around and puckered her mouth. She was much in earnest, and her effort to impress the jury with her brother's insanity was palpable.

Under cross-examination, Dr. Carlton Simon said that he had never known a case where excessive cigarette smoking, without some contributory weakness, had caused insanity. Mrs. Burns heard her son called a degenerate a score of times and smiled.

She believed that the insanity accusation might clear him of the charge of murder, and it was a pleasant word to the mother's ears. Burns sat silent and apparently unmoved.

The anti-Philippine Republicans are strongly opposed to his selection.

T. B. Williams Dead.
The death of T. B. Williams, a veteran member of the Stock Exchange, was announced on the floor of the Exchange to-day. Williams joined the Exchange in 1876.

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FIFTY TONS OF CANDY.
Have Been Sent to Our Soldiers in the Philippine Islands by the Government.

Fifty tons of candy have been sent to the soldiers in the Philippine Islands by the commissary department of the army during the last three months and large amounts to the soldiers in Cuba and Puerto Rico.

This is done upon advice of the medical officers of the army, because it is a physiological fact that a moderate consumption of confectionery promotes health and satisfies a natural craving of the stomach.

Candy was never furnished to the United States army before, although it has been commonly used as a ration by the French and British troops in the tropics.

This expedient another old-fashioned story that sweets were injurious to the digestive organs, while a moderate use of sweets is actually beneficial.

Very few things are injurious and the food cranks who advocate the use of a few grains of vegetables and deny the use of sweets and meats are in error, as a wholesome variety of meat and vegetable food is absolutely necessary for the maintenance of the highest condition of health.

The best rule to follow is to eat what the appetite craves, and if there is any discomfort or trouble in digesting meat and sweets the difficulty can be readily overcome by the regular use after meals of some safe digestive composed of pepsin and dextrose which will assist the stomach by increasing the flow of gastric juice and furnish the natural pepton lacking in weak stomachs.